The Korean War

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Enduring Understanding:

The goal of the Korean War was to keep communism from spreading to South Korea

Essential Questions:

- 1. What was the goal of North Korea?
- 2. What was the result of the Korean War?

Objectives

- Explain the causes and impact of the Korean War
- Analyze how Mao Zedong turned China into a communist state
- Describe China's role in the Cold War

Korean War

 Allies gained control of Korean peninsula when Japan surrendered in 1945

- Korea temporarily divided in half
 - -north = Soviet control; Communist
 - -south = US control; non-Communist

June 1950 → north attacked south

Korean War

 goal in North Korea: unite under one Communist regime

 US asked UN to approve use of force to stop North Korea

-UN assembled task force with soldiers from 17 countries (majority = American)

Korean War

 US General Douglas MacArthur led UN forces → invaded behind enemy lines

 North pushed almost to Chinese border, then were helped by Communist Chinese to push back south

 1953 → armistice; borders mostly where they were before war



